

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 12th December 2025 Edition 14

'I baptise you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'
Matthew 3:11

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know it is a very busy time in school as we draw nearer to the end of the academic year and as we prepare for Nativity performances and the Carol Concert there is an excitement in the air!

Thank you for all your support at this very busy time, we appreciate there is a lot to remember!



Christmas Lunches

A huge thank you to Mrs McDonald all the kitchen staff who provided the children with a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday—it certainly looked like it was enjoyed by everyone! We are very lucky to have such wonderful kitchen and midday staff at Saint Mary's.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas fair last Friday. Despite the horrific weather, the fair was a huge success and raised **£1268** for school funds.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA who worked for weeks behind the scenes as well as on the night. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time with their own families to help. Events like this would not happen with the generosity of so many!

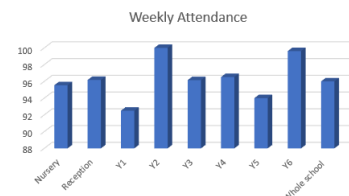
The Laurels

On Tuesday, children from KS2 went to The Laurels with Mrs Woodcock and Mrs Milroy. The children sang Christmas songs and chatted with the residents. I have heard so many comments about how wonderful the event was and how happy it made the residents. It is lovely to hear what a positive impact the visit had.



Attendance

Nursery	95.54%	Year 4	96.52%
Reception	96.17%	Year 5	94.00%
Year 1	92.50%	Year 6	99.62%
Year 2	100%	Whole School	96.00%
Year 3	96.15%		



Jingle Bell Jog



Well done to all the children who took part in our Jingle Bell Jog in support of East Cheshire Hospice. The children took part in laps of the field to raise valuable funds. Thank you to all those who came to support the children whilst they took part in their run (in the cold!). We do hope you managed to enjoy the hot chocolate whilst you were here. It is not too late to donate if you have not yet done so, please bring the envelopes into school by Monday 15th December or donate online :

[Saint Mary's Catholic Primary Congleton is fundraising for East Cheshire Hospice](#)

Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Christo	For his fantastic drawings
	Thomas	For always keeping our Nursery tidy
Reception	Bode	For being a responsible and helpful member of the class
	Ruzgar	For his excellent manners and attitude
Year 1	Eva	For working hard to learn her lines for the Nativity
	Emmanuel	For always having great manners
Year 2	Mary	For her determination in her assessments this week
	Bodi	For amazing effort in the Nativity
Year 3	Jenson	For working hard in English all week - well done Jenson
	Eddie	For always showing respect and using his manners
Year 4	Emily	For being a wonderful performer during the dance festival this week
	Leo	For supporting his friends to do their best
Year 5	Erin	For being a kind, empathetic and caring friend to the care home residents this week
	Blake	For his brilliant running in the Jingle Bell Jog
Year 6	Alice	For great handwriting this term
	Harry	For showing others how to behave, setting a great example for others

Dojo winners

Reception



A Reminder About Age-Appropriate Content

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that children are only accessing games, films and online content that is age appropriate when at home. Age ratings are in place to help protect children from material that may be unsuitable or upsetting and to support their safety and wellbeing.

Please take a moment to check the age guidance on any apps, games, streaming services, or websites your child uses. We encourage you to talk with your child about making safe and sensible choices online and to monitor their use of devices regularly. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe. If you would like any advice or have concerns about online content, please feel free to contact school.

Year 4 Dance Festival

Y4 had a wonderful time at the Dance Festival at Congleton High School on Tuesday

Thank you to all the parents who helped with transporting the children - we would not have been able to attend the event without your support.



Christmas dates

Monday 15th—Nursery & Reception play 10.30am, Y1/2 play at 2.15pm

Tuesday 16th - Y1/2 play at 9.30am, Nursery & Reception play at 2.15pm

Thursday 18th—Rock Steady Christmas Concert 9.15am, Y6 Forest school

Friday 19th—Y6 attending Mass in Church and then KS2 Carol Concert at St Mary's Chapel at 1.30pm

Sunday 21st—Family Mass at St Mary's Chapel at 10.30am

Children's Liturgy—Volunteer's needed

Do you feel you would like to help support young children on their faith journey? Our Children's Liturgy group are seeking helpers to join guiding the children in fun activities, Liturgy and discussions at Sunday Mass 10:30am St Mary's Parish Centre, just once a month.

If you would like to join our informal group, please give your details to the school office or email the parish on: stmarysrc.congleton@gmail.com

Loving God,

As we light the second candle of Advent, help us prepare our hearts with peace and kindness.

Teach us to welcome Jesus by sharing joy, listening to others and bringing hope to those who need it most.

May your light guide us each day as we wait for the coming of your Son. Amen.

